

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification of this application as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 10 as follows:

Further, to achieve the above objects, the present invention provides a data recording method for recording data to a recording medium, including: a copy permission condition information inputting process for inputting copy permission condition information to data to be recorded; a copy permission condition information reading process for reading copy permission condition information of data recorded in said recording medium, ~~[[form]]~~ from said recording medium; a copy permission condition information generating process for generating new copy permission condition information based on said input copy permission condition information and said copy permission condition information recorded in said recording medium; and a copy permission condition information recording process for recording newly generated copy permission condition information to the recording medium.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 23 as follows:

Also, the recording/reproducing portion 120, when instructed by the CPU 160 to ~~carrying~~ carry out a read operation on the recording medium 110 and the data to read is instructed, reads ~~[[a]]~~ the instructed data from the recording medium 110 and outputs the instructed data to the CPU 160.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 22 as follows:

The recording data output ~~[[form]]~~ from the recording/reproducing portion 120 is recorded in the desired position on the recording medium by the recording/reproducing portion 120.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 1 as follows:

Then, in accordance with the instruction from the CPU 160, the recording/reproducing portion 120 accesses ~~[[to]]~~ a region where the information of the copy restriction of the recording medium 110 itself to be changed of the information of a copy restriction or the data recorded in the recording medium 110 is recorded and reproduces the recorded data (step S32).

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 5 as follows:

~~Needles~~ Needless to say, it is also possible to reproduce the data recorded in the recording medium 110 and to output the same along with the added information of a copy restriction.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 21 as follows:

The recording/reproducing portion 120 accesses ~~[[to]]~~ the recording medium 110 based on the instruction, reproduces the instructed data, and outputs the same to the CPU 160 via the encoder 170. At this time, the encoder 170 does not ~~carrying~~ carry out any meaningful processing but ~~[[pass]]~~ passes the input reproducing data through to output to the CPU 160.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 13 as follows:

In this way, in the data recording apparatus 101 of the second embodiment, it is possible to record software on the recording medium 110 in the way a copy, able to be properly reproduced, cannot be obtained by the copying action of recording reproduced software.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 3 as follows:

The data recording apparatus ~~[[101]]~~ 100 of the first embodiment can be applied to a digital video camcorder.